

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



October 15, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Peace Abiding

George F. Handel

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come together this day,
drawn by the light of God's love!

People: We come together this day,
seeking a new way of living.

Leader: In God's eternal kingdom,
darkness and despair are vanquished.

People: In God's eternal realm,
peace and hope are the greatest joys!

Leader: Let all the people praise God with their music and
their voices!

People: Let all the people praise God with their deeds of
love and compassion. Praise be to God!

*HYMN NO. 307 *Fight the Good Fight*

DUKE STREET

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of our hearts, in our desire to be self-reliant, too often we overlook your guidance and direction. We confess that we dismiss your sacred visions and choose to grope blindly through life. We close our hearts to your presence and fail to proclaim the good news to those you place before us.

Forgive us our sins and direct us on your holy way.

Grant us the humility to follow your Word in all that we do.

Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Let the light of God's eternal love flood into your hearts this day. Feel God's healing presence in your lives. Accept God's love and hope for you. This is the gift freely given for you by Jesus Christ, God's risen Son our Lord.

People: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God of mercy,
you promised never to break your covenant with us.
Amid all the changing words of our generation,
speak your eternal Word that does not change.
Then may we respond to your gracious promises
with faithful and obedient lives;
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:9-15

*On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river,
where we supposed there was a place of prayer;
and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.*
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Christ, Upon the Mountain Stands

Robert Lehman

*Christ, upon the mountain stands, vision of the Father's blessing;
blazing forth to all the lands, saints and angels now professing.
Radiant Son of God divine; Jesus, now in glory shines!*
*Law and prophets have their place in the cloud of wondrous glory;
chosen witnesses of grace, there to see and tell the story.
Radiant Son of God divine; Jesus, now in glory shines!*
*God, in majesty, descends, then proclaims to all before him:
This is my beloved Son! Nations, come now and adore him.
Radiant Son of God divine; Jesus, now in glory shines!*
*Faithful hearts we lift on high, joyful strains, our voices raising
for this vision's mystery, songs of wonder, hymns of praise.
Radiant Son of God divine; Jesus, now in glory shines,
Jesus in glory shines!*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

Follow the Vision

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 343 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* BEECHER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *At the Elevation* Gilbert Martin

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 387 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Festive Prelude on "Built on the Rock"* Gilbert Martin

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

October 18, 6:00 p.m.

Chicken & Noodle Casserole, Salad, Bread, Ice Cream Sundae

To make a reservation, please call the church office at (615) 444-1360 by Tuesday.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated and participated in yesterday's Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Experience.

TRUNK OR TREAT – FPC will host our fourth annual community Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., and we need your help. We are looking for members of the congregation who are willing to host "trunks"—people who decorate the trunks of their cars and hand out candy in our parking lot. To volunteer, please contact Kristy in the office. If you would like to donate candy for this event, please drop it off in the church office.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received on October 22.

LADIES BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, October 16, at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun.

ANNEX "SPRUCE UP" DAY is looking for volunteers to help spruce up the church Annex on November 18 in preparation for this season's Compassionate Hands. Clean up will begin at 9:00 a.m. For more information, contact the church office.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, November 5, at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary for the purpose of electing officers.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Edington is teaching the Youth Sunday School Class.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
10:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
11:15 a.m.	Called Session	Thursday	
Monday		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	Friday	
Tuesday			
4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group		

SESSION

Class of 2023
Max Carter
Frank Reeves
David Foutch
Wayne Patton

Class of 2024
Nancy Gebhardt
Mickey Stueck
Allen Vance

Class of 2025
W.P. Bone
Jack Emmert

DIACONATE

Class of 2023
Margaret Carroll
Mark Fain
Carol Benson
Pat Hatcher

Class of 2024
Jonathan Bouton
Carol Turner
Van Turner
Sandra Weatherford

Class of 2025
Rachel Low
Anne Donnell
Jim Stueck

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Jim Stueck
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves
Buildings and Grounds – Allen Vance
Christian Education – Max Carter
Congregational Care – Mickey Stueck
Outreach – Nancy Gebhardt
Personnel –
Worship – Wayne Patton

STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
Pastor – Sherard Edington
Organist/Director of Music – Darryl Nettles
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins
Nursery – Sara Chaney
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children
Nursery
Elementary Class and
Middle- High School Class

Adult
Crossroads Class
Faith Builders Class
Westminster Class

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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Expenses	Income
September	\$28,240.38	\$20,595.92
YTD	\$246,974.99	\$251,782.70
	Last Week's Offering	\$4,718.00